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TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO  
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FOR AMBASSADORS FROM BEN READ

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SUBJECT: JANUARY 1979 SOUTH ASIA CHIEFS OF MISSION  
CONFERENCE

REF: COLOMBO 3644 AND KATHMANDU 4232

1. I THINK HOWARD WRIGGINS' SUGGESTION TO PLACE THE  
SUBJECT OF SPOUSES, DEPENDENTS AND FAMILY PROBLEMS ON  
NEXT NEA COM MEETING AGENDA IS TIMELY AND CONSTRUCTIVE,  
AND I HAVE SPOKEN WITH HAL SAUNDERS WHO IS AGREEABLE TO  
THE NOTION.

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2. THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE  
DEPARTMENT'S EFFORTS TO BROADEN FAMILY LIAISON SERVICES.  
THE FY 79 STATE AUTHORIZATION BILL NOW APPROVED BY THE  
HOUSE-SENATE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE AND PENDING FINAL  
ACTION IN SEPTEMBER IS RESPONSIVE TO OUR REQUEST FOR  
LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
SPOUSES AND DEPENDENT OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES IN CONNEC-

TION WITH LANGUAGE TRAINING, INCREASED AUTHORITY TO  
EMPLOY FAMILY MEMBERS OVERSEAS, IMPROVED R&R TRAVEL  
AUTHORITY WHICH WILL PERMIT THE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF  
FAMILY MEMBERS ACCOMPANYING AN EMPLOYEE IF THE EMPLOYEE

IS ON EXTENDED TDY WHILE EMPLOYEE IS ON ROUTE TO OR FROM  
POST OF ASSIGNMENT.

3. SEVERE BUDGET CONSTRAINTS CONFRONTING THE ADMINISTRA-  
TION IN FY 79 AND EVEN MORE IN FY 80, HOWEVER, WILL  
NECESSITATE RETRENCHMENT OF PRESENT LEVEL OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR ALL DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES, INCLUDING STATE, AND  
OPERATING EXPENSES, PARTICULARLY TRAVEL, ARE SPECIAL  
GOVERNMENT-WIDE TARGET FOR REDUCTIONS. THUS I FEAR THAT  
THE CHANCES FOR AN EXECUTIVE BRANCH INITIATIVE IN THIS  
AREA ARE NOT GOOD, AND IN WAKE OF PROPOSITION 13 EXPANDED  
LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION AUTHORIZATION FOR TRAVEL IS  
UNLIKELY.

4. WHETHER OR NOT THIS IS A REALISTIC ASSESSMENT FOR  
THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, HOWEVER, A DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER  
AND THE COMPILATION OF VIEWS AND DATA WOULD BE USEFUL.  
THANKS FOR FOLLOWING UP. VANCE

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